

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image communication apparatus transmitting a subaddress signal, comprising:

extension number input means for inputting a plurality of extension numbers as information of the subaddress signal;

secondary telephone number input means for inputting a plurality of secondary telephone numbers;

direct input means for directly inputting particular information; and

display means for displaying an acknowledge message when the particular information is input from the direct input means.

2. An image communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the particular information input by the direct input means is one of the symbols # and ##, and

wherein when the input of a plurality of pieces of numerical information delimited by one of the symbols # and ## is selected, a message is displayed to prompt a user to acknowledge the designation of a plurality of extension numbers, the designation of a plurality of secondary telephone numbers, or the designation of an extension number and a secondary telephone number.

3. An image communication apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the displayed message is changed in response to the information of the directly input subaddress.

4. An image communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the subaddress signal, with the plurality of the extension numbers designated by the extension number input means for inputting the plurality of the extension numbers, or the plurality of the secondary telephone numbers designated by the secondary telephone number input means for inputting the plurality of the secondary telephone numbers, or both the extension number and the secondary telephone number designated by the direct input means for directly inputting the particular information, is transmitted, and a message is displayed if a communication error occurs after the transmission of a SUB/DCS signal.

5. An image communication apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the displayed message prompts a user to check to see whether the partner apparatus has one of the function of receiving the plurality of the extension numbers, the function of receiving the plurality of the secondary telephone numbers, and the function of receiving both the extension number and the secondary telephone number.

